

## **AFRL's Air Vehicles Directorate honors award winners** *by Melissa Kamaka, Air Vehicles Directorate*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Air Vehicles Directorate (VA) recognized its 2000 Award winners at their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards luncheon recently at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Officer's Club.

Awards were presented to military and civilian scientists, engineers and support staff for their contributions to Air Vehicles research and development.

Guest speaker for the ceremony, Brad Tillson, President and CEO, Cox Ohio Publishing, and Publisher, Dayton Daily News spoke on his organization, "Inventing Flight," and its efforts in coordinating the Dayton-wide celebration of the 2003 Centennial of Flight.

**General Benjamin D. Foulois Award** - Presented to Philip S. Beran, Structural Design and Development Branch, Structures Division for his pioneering research in High-Fidelity Design Analysis for Nonlinear Aeroelastic Systems.

**Dr. Courtland D. Perkins In-House Engineering Award** - Presented jointly to David B. Doman and Anhtuan D. Ngo, Control Theory Optimization Branch, Control Sciences Division for their collaborative efforts on the Adaptive Reconfigurable Control Law for the X-33.

**Leadership Award** - Presented to Capt. Clarence F. Chenault, Branch Chief, Aerospace Vehicles Integration and Demonstration Branch, Aeronautical Sciences Division.

**Senior Level Scientist and Engineer of the Year Award** - Presented to Roger L. Kimmel, Aero Configuration Branch, Aeronautical Sciences Division.

**Junior Level Scientist and Engineer of the Year Award** - Presented to Joseph Nalepka, Control Simulation and Assessment Branch, Control Sciences Division.

**Staff Support Award** - Presented to Beth McDonald, Administrative Services Assistant, Programming Integration Branch, Integration and Operations Division.

**Technician of the Year Award** - Presented to John R McIntosh, Control Simulation and Assessment Branch, Control Sciences Division.

**Doris C. Mooney (Administrative/Clerical) Award** - Presented to Cynthia A. Laird, Secretary to the Associate Director, Deputy Director and Chief Scientist.

**Team of the Year Award** - Awarded to the Acoustics and Sonic Fatigue Test Team: Kenneth Wentz, Arnel Pacia, Kevin Harris, Dansen Brown and Cynthia Swanson, Structural Dynamics Branch, Structures Division.

**Director's Award** - Awarded to Dr. Raymond E. Gordnier, Computational Sciences Branch, Aeronautical Sciences Division.

**Spirit Award** - Presented to Joseph S. Shang, Senior Scientist, Computational Sciences Center of Excellence, Air Vehicles Directorate.

Col. David E. Walker, former director of Air Vehicles Directorate, presided as host and main presenter of the awards, while William Borger, Associate Director, narrated.

Robert May, Executive Director, Air Force Research Laboratory, presented the Benjamin D. Foulois and Courtland D. Perkins awards, and Donald Paul, Chief Scientist, Air Vehicles Directorate, served as narrator for the presentations. @